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In re Application of : DECISION SUA SPONTE  
Hellbaum et al. : WITHDRAWING HOLDING  
Application No. 08/797,553 : OF ABANDONMENT  
Filed: January 24, 1997 :  
Attorney Docket No: LAR-15348-2 :

This is a decision, *sua sponte*, withdrawing the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A non-final Office action was mailed June 19, 2001. In the apparent absence of a response to the final Office action, the application was held abandoned and a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 27, 2002.

Although no petition or request to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this application has been filed, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment withdrawn and the application restored to pending status in view of the fact that a proper response to the Office action of June, 19, 2001 was received in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) on January 18, 2002. The response was accompanied by a request for an extension of time of three months and the requisite fee. Additionally, the response included a proper Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 having a date of deposit with the United States Postal Service of December 19, 2001. Accordingly, the response was timely.

The application file is being forwarded to the Technology Center 2800 support staff for entry of the amendment. From there, the application will be forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

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